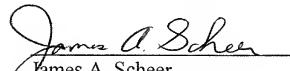


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Reconsideration and further prosecution of the above-identified application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and the discussion that follows. Claims 6-29, 33-43, 46-55, 59-73, 75-80 and 83-93 are pending in this application, claims 16-26, 46-54, 70-72 and 75-80 have been withdrawn, and claims 1-5, 30-32, 44-45, 56-58, 74, 81-82 and 94 have been previously cancelled. Claims 6-15, 27, 33-43, 55, 59-69, 73 and 83-93 have been allowed and claims 28 and 29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,034,436 to Iwasaki. After a careful review of the claims as amended, it is believed that all the pending claims are in allowable form and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Rejected claims 28 and 29 have been cancelled, and previously withdrawn claims 16-26, 46-54, 70-72 and 75-80 have been cancelled. All the remaining pending claims have been allowed. Therefore, allowance of all remaining claims 6-15, 27, 33-43, 55, 59-69, 73 and 83-93 is believed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he is respectfully requested to telephone applicant's undersigned attorney.

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